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The Role and Function of Edgemoor Geriatric Hospital

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**Purpose**

The County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency, operates Edgemoor skilled nursing facility, a distinct part of San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital. Edgemoor provides general medical, skilled nursing and rehabilitative services for chronically ill or traumatically injured patients who are indigent residents of the county with the goal of maintaining them in the least restrictive setting. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to establish and clarify the role and function of Edgemoor as a high-quality provider of health services. By establishing this definitive policy, the Board of Supervisors seeks to provide a guide for future decisions, the decision-making processes and to provide the mechanism for the planning and evaluation of the County's health resources. It is therefore established as a Policy of the Board of Supervisors, that:

**Health Mission**

In an environment of teamwork and care, Edgemoor staff enables patients to achieve their maximum potential.

**Goals**

The primary goals of Edgemoor are:

1. To deliver long-term care services to chronically ill or traumatically injured patients in a caring, efficient and effective manner.
2. To promote the maximum independence of the individual and enhance his or her capacity to engage in activities of daily living; and by making every effort to restore suitable patients to the community.
3. To assure that modern facilities and resources are used in the delivery of all services.

**Role of Edgemoor**

The role of Edgemoor is to:

1. Provide services for a dependent, severely ill or injured patient population characterized as manifesting significant signs and symptoms of physical, financial, social and psychological dependency, which are generally beyond the capability of those services available in skilled nursing facilities throughout San Diego County.

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For those patients sponsored by the Medi-Cal program, such physical and behavioral needs are to be documented by the State's approval of Treatment Authorization Requests for placement in the Edgemoor Distinct Part Facility.

2. Maximize revenue and recover the cost of care by accurately recording and billing for services; and by maintaining the consolidated license of Edgemoor with the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital or other mechanisms that maintain an appropriate reimbursement level to cover the expense of providing services.
3. Provide services for special populations, such as end-stage AIDS, Huntington's Chorea, brain injury/stroke and traumatically injured persons with both medical and psychiatric care needs, which are not available through other sources.

**Sunset Date**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-15.

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